

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Hiroji Masuda, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2613  
Examiner: Hibret A. Woldekidan  
Title: Inline Repeater and Optical Fiber Communication System  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2009, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.